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## Rule That Cost Ruth Suspension and Fine To Be Amended Soon

Magnates Decide to Allow World's Series Players to Barnstorm as Individuals.

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—Babe Ruth is to be vindicated. The anti-barnstorming rule which cost the home run star his share of the World's Series cash and a suspension of six weeks next spring, is to be changed.

It will not be amended. There will still remain the prohibition against those which end the home run star's title clash going on the road as organizations; but the paragraph relative to the individual player will be amended, leaving to Judge Landis, Commissioner of Baseball, the power to grant permission to men who get lucrative offers for a few weeks after the season is over.

The "barnstorming rule," as it is called, was discussed by Judge Landis, Ben Johnson, President of the American League, and John Heydler, President of the National League, at their conference here yesterday on the vexing draft question. It was agreed to put through an amendment to the World's Series playing rules at the meeting of the big league which will be held Feb. 15 in this city to adapt the schedules for 1922. It is believed that another joint session will be necessary, but as all of the clubs are represented at the "barnstorming" rule should be arranged without difficulty, though none has been called as yet.

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### Barnstorming Change Almost Passed Here.

When the American and National League magnates were in joint session

### FIRST OF SCHOOL FIELDS OPENS FOR ICE SKATING

All preparations have been completed for the official opening of the Curtis Athletic Field ice rink, Staten Island, to-morrow evening, starting promptly at 8 o'clock. A very elaborate programme has been arranged in which all of the leading amateur and professional skaters will participate.

The Mayor, John F. Hyland, the members of the Finance, Estimate and Apportionment and the President and Superintendents of the Board of Education will also attend the ceremonies. The public fields throughout the city have been flooded and thousands of men, women and children have been availing themselves of the opportunity of skating at no cost to them.

The Eastern Skating Association has arranged to conduct two races—class A and B. The public schools athletic league will conduct two events for high school boys—junior and senior. There will also be an exhibition of figure skating by leading amateur champions, and a match race between two of the leading female skaters of the district will be conducted.

### BASEBALL WAR LIKELY AFTER ALL BECAUSE OF DRAFT QUESTION.

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—The major leagues have made their final concession to the minors on the much discussed draft question. Offering to make the draft price \$7,500, or \$2,500 more than that named in the proposition outlined by Judge Landis in New York on Dec. 17, the majors, through Ben Johnson and John A. Heydler, say they will go no further.

The minors on the draft—the International and Pacific Coast Leagues, the American Association, Class AA organizations, and the Western and "Three I" Leagues, smaller circuits—refused the Landis offer. They may refuse the latest plan.

If they do, major league magnates here say, there may be a "baseball war" after all, much as Judge Landis deplores it. The majors, it is hinted here, will abandon all business relations with the minor leagues outside the draft, buy no players from them and sell them none—simply allow them to "go it alone."

Heydler and Johnson were bitterly opposed to the \$7,500 offer, and stipulated that it should be for only one year.

### Criqui-Ledoux Go To-Night for Record Purse

PARIS, Jan. 9.—Eugene Criqui, "the Knock-Out King," meets Charlie Ledoux in a twenty-round encounter for the heavyweight championship of Europe, now held by Ledoux, to-night.

Should Charlie Ledoux be returned the winner he will journey to America, where he has signed up to meet Joe Lynch, Joe Burman, Pete Herman and Johnny Buff. If Criqui wins the fight, Ledoux plans to retire immediately.

### AMERICAN STARS WIN ON FRENCH COURTS

CANNES, France, Jan. 9.—Samuel Hardy, member of the American Davis Cup team, defeated C. F. Aeschlimann yesterday and won the men's singles championship in the Beau-Site tennis tournament. American players were all around winners in the tournament. Miss Elizabeth Ryan taking the women's singles yesterday as well as being on the winning team in the mixed doubles, and Mr. Hardy, paired with Wallis Myers of England, carrying off the men's doubles.



## Jimmie Smith Wins 3 Important Matches On Local Bowling Alleys

Phil Spinella, Leo Lucke and Glenn Riddell Are His Victims.

Jimmie Smith easily disposed of three of the best bowlers in Greater New York when he met them in matches at the National Recreation alleys Saturday night, yesterday afternoon and last night. The first bowler to go down to defeat was Phil Spinella, winner of many a tough series. Smith averaged 215.8-16 against Spinella's 186.8-16. Next came Leo Lucke, who registered an average of 198.4-16 to Smith's 213.4-16, and last of all Glenn Riddell, who was prevented from showing his very best through an injury to his finger. Riddell averaged 197.7-13 against 219.7-10 for Smith. Next Wednesday evening Smith is to meet Joe Falcato at Budd's Academy.

Mar. Linder and Charlie Trinkle won their 12,000 match game with Hank Madson and Homer Brown at Chicago and Philadelphia in 543 pins, coming in the second half of the first round.

### WITH THE BASKETBALL PLAYERS

Starting Grey Big Five emerged victorious over the Colgate Big Five by a score of 38 to 21. Neither team had lost a contest throughout the past two seasons and much speculation was engaged in regarding the probable victors. The Greys started a very fast offense in the first session and they held the lead practically throughout the entire game. The Starting Grey Quintet lined up with Herffelder, Seifer, Schmoor, Guerdon and Westrup.

In the preliminary game at Hoffman's casino where the Greys played, the Van Nest Big Five gained a victory over the Van Nest Eagles for the championship of Van Nest. The crowd at both games was unusually large.

Brooklyn Majestics took the opportunity of getting revenge on the Visitation Triangles for their recent defeat by that team by turning the tables on the Triangles and scoring a victory over them in the tune of 35 to 28. The contest, which was staged at Schenck Hall, Brooklyn, was a very hard fought, exciting game ruled from start to finish. Burns and O'Day starred for the victors. The Majestics team lined up with Burns, O'Day, Banks, O'Brien, Williams, Ferreco and Stuehbury.

The Reading league team bowed down before the Brooklyn Dodgers at Prospect Hall yesterday afternoon before the largest number of spectators the hall has ever held on the occasion of a basketball contest. The Dodgers proved easy for the home combination. At the first half the score was 14 to 9 in favor of the victors. With a well-played offense the Brooklynists added 27 more points to their tally before the game had ended. The final score was 41 to 29.

### Manhattan Eleven Wins From Brooklyn.

Two elevens from the clubs of the New York State Football League, from which the team will be picked for the proposed Cuban tour, contested the annual match for soccer supremacy between Manhattan and Brooklyn at New York Oval yesterday. Although the sides were very evenly matched and there was no scoring until 15 minutes from the end, the Manhattan team won by the score of 1 goal to 0.

Had a lead of 85 pins, which they increased to 242 in the third block noted in Philadelphia.

Phil Spinella's negotiating with Charlie Trinkle of Philadelphia to meet Leo Lucke in a match series, later games, New York and Philadelphia. He, for a suitable price, arranged the Brooklyn end of the match will be rolled at the Grand Central alleys here this morning.

Harvey Spindler won the White Elephant Sweepstakes at the New York Casino yesterday evening with a total of 622. Paul Lewis was second with 564 and J. Manning was third with 561. The high score prize went to John Stefa with a total of 212.

A meeting of the Eastern Alley Owners Association will be held at the association's headquarters today. The alley owners will talk over the committee A. B. C. program.

A team from the Park Row Bowling Academy will journey to Brooklyn Wednesday to engage a team of bowlers from the Brooklyn Bowling Club in a match game at the Brooklyn Bowling Club. The contest will be at Hudson Park.

The 1921 Grand is rounding up a team for the American Bowling Congress Tournament from the New York City and vicinity to fill out. Several other teams are also looking for a fifth and sixth man to fill out.

Play in the Jackson Church Bowling League, which was suspended on account of a small fire, will be resumed at the Brooklyn Bowling Club this Wednesday.

Wally Worthington beat Hugh Steady three games at the Bronx Central alleys last night before an enthusiastic gathering of Bronx fans.

Charles Bider was the winner of the Grand Central Bowling Tournament at the Grand Central Bowling Club yesterday evening with a score of 517. Steve Jones was second with 512, Steve Jones was third with 511, and Steve Jones was fourth with 510. The high score prize went to Charles Bider with a total of 517.

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